

REMARKS

Claims 4, 9-12 and 21-24 are pending in the application. The amendment to claim 11 merely incorporates the limitations of now canceled claim 8. Support for newly added claims 21-24 can be found throughout the specification, in particular, pages 10-12. No new matter has been inserted into the application.

Rejection Under 35 USC§ 102(e) Over Taylor (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0168645)

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10 and 13-16 have been rejected under 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor. Applicant traverses this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Without addressing the merits of this rejection, the rejected claims have been canceled and will be pursued in a divisional application. Therefore, it is believed that this rejection has been overcome.

Rejection Under 35 USC§ 103(a) Over Taylor (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0168645) in view of Molecular Biology Reagents/Protocols 1992, pages 218-219 (“MBR”)

Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under 103(a) as being “obvious” over Taylor in view of MBR. Applicant traverses this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Without addressing the merits of this rejection, the rejected claims have been canceled and will be pursued in a divisional application. Therefore, it is believed that this rejection has been overcome.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11 and 12 are in allowable condition. Since all of the pending claims are drawn to the allowable subject matter, it is believed that the present application is in allowable condition.

Conclusion

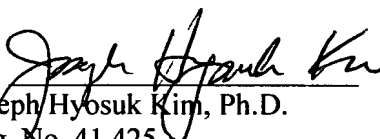
It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a notice of Allowance in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of the present invention.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. **502486** for any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. **502486**.

Respectfully submitted,

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